

ELIMINATE HEPATITIS C SAN DIEGO IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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HHSA is seeking HSAB's concurrence on the following recommendations to the Board of Supervisors:

- Receive the Eliminate Hepatitis C San Diego County Initiative Implementation Plan
- Authorize the Agency Director, Health and Human Services Agency, to pursue funding opportunities for current and future fiscal years related to hepatitis C elimination efforts



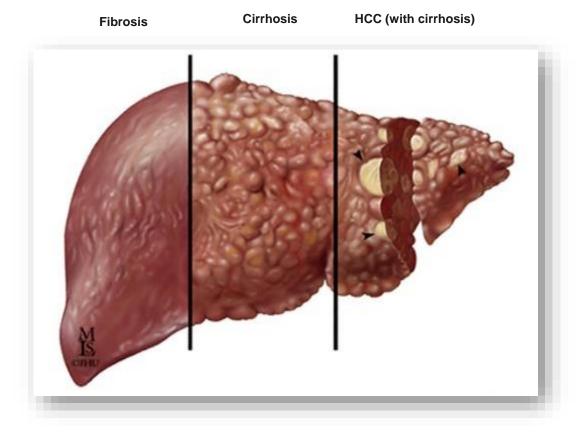
BACKGROUND

Hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV).

Can cause liver cirrhosis (scarring), liver cancer, liver failure, and death.

An estimated 3.5 million people in the United States have chronic hepatitis C.

An estimated 400,700 Californians live with chronic HCV, but many do not know they are infected.





Each year over 3,400 cases of chronic HCV reported in San Diego County. From 2015-2020, an average of 63 persons have died each year with chronic hepatitis C listed as an underlying cause of death. Both men and women affected; 63% of reported cases occur in ages 45+.



FOCUS POPULATIONS

Persons who are current or former users of injection drugs

Persons who received transfusions or transplants < July 1992

Persons living with HIV



GOALS

80% decrease in the incidence of chronic HCV by 2030.

65% reduction of HCV mortality by 2030.



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Promote awareness of HCV as major public health concern Implement prevention strategies Screen for HCV Ensure linkage to care and treatment **Build workforce capacity**

Ensure access to direct-acting antivirals (DAAs)

Ensure surveillance, evaluation, & monitoring

Pursue policies to help achieve elimination

Support HCV research



QUESTIONS





THANK YOU!

